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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington D.C. 20505

July 9, 1987

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
House Select Committee to Investigate
Covert Arms Transactions
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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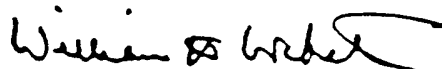
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I appreciate very much your expression of confidence in me and I will do everything possible to be worthy of your trust. I am confident that I can improve the level of responsiveness to your oversight duties. A similar letter is being sent to Chairman Inouye.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Chairman Stokes and Chairman Borer.

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United States Senate
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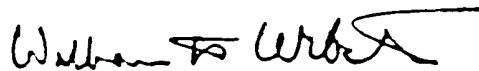
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